

THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY OF THE CIVIL CITY OF NEW ALBANY, INDIANA, HELD ITS REGULAR MEETING ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2006 IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE CITY-COUNTY BUILDING.

PRESENT: Anthony B. Toran, President, Steve LaDuke, Chas Hunter, Police Chief Merle Harl, Traffic Division Supervisor Officer Joe Lewis, Code Enforcement Officer Pam Badger, Deputy Fire Chief Stanley Mason, City Clerk Marcey Wisman, Street Department Director Joddie Johnson, Flood Control Director Ron Granger, Drainage Department Director Buddy Norton, Building commissioner Paul , Controller Kay Garry, Sewer Billing director Kelly Welsh, and Animal Shelter Director David Hall.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Toran called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

Mr. Toran stated that at this time they needed to elect a president for the Board.

Mr. Hunter moved that **Mr. Toran remain president, Mr. Laduke second, all voted in favor.**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

NEW BUSINESS:

OLD BUSINESS:

Item #1 - Officer Lewis re: traffic signal at Spring and E. 4th Streets to slow traffic for Fire Department.

Officer Lewis stated that he just returned from vacation and he had not received the quote he was waiting for.

Mr. Toran asked that Officer Lewis and Deputy Chief Stanley to get together and work on this issue.

Mr. Hunter asked Officer Lewis who is to pay for the flasher for Mt. Tabor School.

Officer Lewis stated that the school administration is going to pay for the light.

Item #2 - Spring Street Hill

Mr. Toran stated that this issue has been held over from 2004 and the board had decided not to completely close the street, but they need to come to a decision as to how to address this issue.

Mr. Hunter stated that it would take at least \$1,000,000 to repair the whole street which the city does not have. He stated that he believes that the board should proceed to get an estimate to fix the section at the bottom of the hill.

Mrs. Garry reported that the Local Roads and Street fund is finally in the black and as long as they keep the project at the \$50k to \$60k range they should be able to afford the repair and have money left for other repairs.

Mr. Hunter asked whether or not Althea was paved.

Brian Dixon reported that it has not been paved and the Sewer Board has agreed to pay half.

Mr. LaDuke made a motion to approve half the cost of the paving of Althea Avenue, Mr. Hunter second, all voted in favor.

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Mr. Hunter stated that he would like to see something more permanent put up to close Spring Street Hill until the repairs are finished because what they have now does not look so good.

Ron Granger stated that people are moving the barricades and going down the hill and he thought it would best to put the concrete barriers.

Mrs. Garry suggested that if the project is going to be under \$75,000 the board should get 2 to 3 quotes and bring them back to the board for a vote.

Mr. Hunter stated that he would get those quotes.

COMMUNICATIONS - CITY OFFICIALS:

Ron Granger reported that he is having a lot of problems with kids going up the flood wall on vehicles and tearing up the grass and he asked that the chief put more patrols in that area.

Chief Harl stated that he will talk with the night Captain about that.

Mrs. Garry stated that she does not have certified budgets back from the state and asked that people not make any large purchases.

Joddie Johnson stated that they had a couple trees blown down during the storm and they have a traffic light down that the guys are working on.

Kelly Welsh stated that she received a call from Jane Alcorn asking whether or not the city would be picking up the city cans in the downtown area.

Bob Lee, Eco-tech, stated that he appreciated the opportunity to work with the city. He reported that of the 34 people who worked in the sanitation department 3 were terminated prior to the change, 3 remained with the city, 22 have hired on and one is still undecided. He stated that they will remain the same rate of pay, they will retain their seniority for vacations, and they will receive health benefits. He stated that they will be using rear loaders for trash and the red trucks for recycling. He explained that they will be picking up all residential cans and the city will continue to pick up Housing Authority and commercial. Eco-tech will pick up all trash and one large item per household. He reported that due to the holidays they are 3 routes behind and he believes that they will be caught up as of Thursday.

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC:

Nathan Grimes presented the board with information on the Mt. Tabor Flasher showing a price of \$14,617.00 which is \$500 more than the original amount. The increase was due to the change of regular lights to LED lights.

There was a lengthy discussion as to whether or not the board needed to approve the change order since the School Administration is paying for the project and the board has already approved the location and installation of the device. The Board thanked Mr. Grimes and told him he would need to speak with someone from the school regarding the change order.

BIDS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Hunter moved to approve the minutes, Mr. LaDuke second with changes, all voted in favor.

Mr. Toran recessed the meeting at 10:49 for a discussion with the chief of Police and the City Clerk.

Mr. Toran called the meeting back to order at 10:51.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to go before the board, the meeting adjourned at 10:51 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Anthony B. Toran, President
Board of Public Works & Safety**

**Marcey J. Wisman, City Clerk
Civil City of New Albany, Indiana**